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1. (TSRZ) Analysis of 1977 and 1978 imagery [] of Emba Missile Test Center [], USSR, has revealed that SCUD missiles are probably equipped with field arbitrary designator (FAD)-708 instrumentation.

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2. (TSRZ) []

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[] The increased number of SCUD warhead containers seen on imagery during approximately the same time frame correlates with the number of FAD-708 launches. These containers were observed adjacent to one of two SCUD-associated checkout/support buildings at the Emba MTC Operations Area [] (Table 2). No SCUD warhead containers were identified at this building prior to the start of the FAD-708 launch program.

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3. (TSRZ) A SCUD warhead container was first identified near the SCUD-associated checkout/storage building on imagery of [] (Figure 1). []

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4. (TSRZ) By [] early preparations were possibly underway for the 1978 launch series. Two discarded warhead containers were seen near the checkout/storage []

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[]^{5,6} Eight discarded containers were observed on imagery of [] (Figure 3), and nine were seen on [] (Figure 4). The total number of containers observed correlates closely with the total number of FAD-708 launches detected.

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5. (TSRZ) Other photographic intelligence supports the conclusion that the SCUD is probably equipped with FAD-708 instrumentation. During the last several years, only one

*Table 2. Number of SCUD Warhead Containers
Adjacent to SCUD-Associated Checkout/Storage
Building Emba MTC, 1977-1979*
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| Date | Number Observed |
|------|-----------------|
| | 0 |
| | 1 |
| | 2 |
| | 3 |
| | 4 |
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| | 8 |
| | 9 |

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SCUD transporter has usually been seen at Emba, and the SCUD transporter-erector-launcher (TEL; MAZ-543) has been seen only occasionally. But on [redacted] a week before a FAD-708 launch, a convoy including a SCUD TEL, a SCUD transporter with a SCUD airframe, a SCUD oxidizer transporter, and a SCUD fuel truck were parked adjacent to the checkout/storage building (Figure 5). A second SCUD transporter was out of convoy. By [redacted] the SCUD TEL had returned to the checkout/support building, and the SCUD airframe seen on [redacted] was not observed.

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6. (TSRZ) On [redacted] two SCUD missile transporters were observed at the checkout/storage building. One transporter was missing on [redacted]

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7. (TSRZ) On [redacted] a SCUD TEL and a support truck were observed at the Emba SA-1 Launch Facility [redacted] Figure 6).

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8. (TSRZ) The purpose of the FAD-708 launch program at Emba is not known. There is no direct photographic evidence available to associate the FAD-708 with any of the other known missile systems under development at the Emba Missile Test Center.

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